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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully submit this Preliminary Amendment for the 35 U.S.C. § 371 National Stage of PCT application PCT/US03/38553, entitled "Rapid One-Step Method For Generation Of Antigen Loaded Dendritic Cell Vaccine From Precursors" and claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application No. 60/430,791 filed December 4, 2002. In view of the following remarks and amendments, consideration and allowance of the claims pending in this Application are respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims and begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.